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Mr. Charles R. Fulbruge III, Clerk
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SUBJECT: 3:01cv133-R; Robinson v Dallas Police Department, et al.

Dear Mr. Fulbruge:

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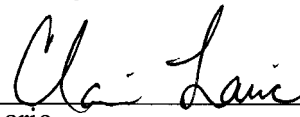
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PHILLIP ROBINSON #743748
 v. (Appellant)
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NOTICE OF APPEAL OF JUDGMENT

Comes now, plaintiff, P. Robinson, in the Honorable U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, to file this formal appeal to the U.S. District Judge's findings, conclusions and recommendation. The law of the U.S. Constitution is designed for equity and Due Process which aims to protect the weak from the strong. The intentions of the Founding Fathers was to guide a Nation based on law from Tyranny and blantant injustice. Their noble considerations included the lettered, who designed and wrote the law, as well as the unlettered, who live in the midst of those laws. The plaintiff is a prime example of the unlettered class whom the law was intended to protect. When arrested on the henious charge, the plaintiff was, and is shocked to the point of psychological disability. It is said that "ignorance of the law is no excuse," this axiom is used to bar those that are injured in some way by the powers to be. The Judges decision to label plaintiff's efforts towards equity as frivolous should be decided by a jury of the plaintiff's peers. Even with the pleas and request that plaintiff made to those attorneys that were employed by him, no guidance, counsel or direction was given by those sworn to protect plaintiff's rights. The criminal charges tended to trump any effort by plaintiff to regain his "\$2000." which was plainly, simply and unconstitutionally taken by the Police Authorities. Plaintiff's criminal trial did not take place until 1996. The additional trauma of conviction and sentnece sent the plaintiff to Institutional Hospital comatose and warped. The plaintiff

eventually came to realize and somewhat understand his predicament after years of institutional constraint and counseling by concerned others. Plaintiff merely wants to regain legal possession of his \$2000. plus interest if any. The compensatory and punitive damages were interjected by those concerned others, who assisted plaintiff in formally requesting relief from the court. Theft is a criminal offense which no doubt was perpetrated against the plaintiff during his arrest, being duly deprived of his legal tender by force. The objections to the Judges recommendations further magnifies the abuse of plaintiff's Civil Rights and right to protection against criminals who blatantly take indiscriminantly. Plaintiff directly petitioned the court of conviction for the return of his \$2000. This petition was never acknowledged plaintiff's inability to read and write should not be used against him in the interest of justice. The plaintiff did comprehend that the police would never return his money as a matter unrelated to the criminal charges, therefore when the criminal trial was over, in ignorance plaintiff awaited a refund. After no refund came, a letter to the court and motion to the court failed to get an answer.

The due process guarantees of the U.S. Constitution should always prevail against the statute of limitations bar. The judge mistakenly considers the arrest warrant/search warrant service as the time from which the limitation calculation should begin. This is the erroneous basis of the judge's recommendation.

Federal law provides that "a cause of action accrues when the plaintiff knows or has reason to know of the injury that is the basis of the action." (Gartrell V. Gaylor, 981 F.2d 254, 257) Plaintiff has an I.Q. of 60 and does not have the ability to read or write. Plaintiff sought legal assistance during his legal problems from four different attorneys, neither of which informed him of his legal rights and privileges. Robert Udasher, Richard Franklin, and John Hagler are the lawyers who failed the plaintiff concerning his legal rights. Plaintiff's rights were abandoned by officers

of the court, named above, because of his illiteracy. In Continental Gas Co. v. Abercomble, 413 S.W.2d 409 (1967) the court found that, "testimony by injured employe who could not read or write, that he believed his supervisor had filed necessary papers" is sufficient to sustain jury finding of good cause to file timely claim. Plaintiff relied on no less than four lawyers, two appointed by the court, and two paid by plaintiff to uphold his rights against the Dallas Police. Instead of working on the plaintiff's behalf, the lawyers used his inability to read or write against him. The court found in Texas Employers Ass'n V. Guerrero, 800 S.W.2d 859; Appellee who speaks no english and has little education, said he asked his supervisor to take care of the paper work and assured that it would be done. He relied on that assurance, the jurys finding good cause is supported by the evidence, and appellee's failure to file a formal claim was therefore excused.

Plaintiff had no reason to believe that his lawyers would not work to have his money returned to his possession. He relied on their words that he would get his money back. Therefore plaintiff did not know that an actual injury had occurred, believing as he did, and was led to believe that the pendency of the criminal trial took precedence over all other matters. A factual frivolousness finding is appropriate when the facts alleged rise to the level of the irrational or the wholly incredible whether or not there are judicially noticable facts awardable to contradict them, but a complaint cannot be dismissed simply because the courts finds the allegations to be improbable or unlikely.... in order to respect the congressional goal of "assuring equality of consideration for all litigants. (Coppedge V. U.S., 82 S.Ct. 917), this initial assesment of the in forma pauperis plaintiff's factual allegations must be weighted in favor of the plaintiff. The fact that plaintiff is a pro se litigant trying to get his case heard but being thwarted by substantive and procedural objections

at every turn. In Jackson V. Johnson, 950 F.2d 263; the court reinforced the importance of dismissal without prejudice rather than holding the case in abeyance. The Jackson court reasoned that a resolution should lie elsewhere. It found another Texas rule most relevant. "where a person is prevented from exercising his legal remedies by the pendency of legal proceedings, the time during which he is thus prevented should not be counted against him in determining whether limitations have barred his right." (Hughes V. Mahoney Higgins, 821 S.W.2d 154, 157) Under the doctrine of PARI DELICTO a transgression (D.P.D.) will not be allowed to profit from his own wrong doing and party is barred from recovering damages if his losses are substantially caused by activities which the law forbade him to engage in, The Dallas Police had no legal right to 'take' plaintiff's cash. It is well settled Federal Courts sit to enforce Federal Rights they have an obligation to apply Federal Equity principles; "when congress leaves to the Federal Courts the formulation of remedial details, it can hardly expect them to break with historic principles of equity in the enforcement of Federally created equitable Federal Rights" (Holmberge V. Armbretch, 66 S.Ct. at 584), the effects to be given the borrowed statute is thus a matter of judicial implication. It must be determined whether the National Policy considerations favoring the continued availability of the section 1983 cause of action outweigh the interest protected by the State's statute of limitations. Congressional sentiment was that "by strengthening the administrative remedy it should not also eliminate preexisting rights which the Constitution (and Congress) accorded to aggrieved individuals."

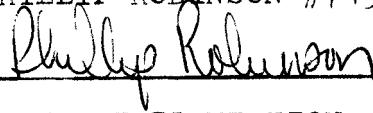
Legislative pains to avoid unnecessary and costly litigation by making the informal investigatory and consilatory offices of the U.S. Judge readily available to victims of unlawful actions cannot be squared with the formal

mechanistic requirement of early filing for the technical purpose of tolling a limitations statute.

In sum, the Federal Policies weigh strongly in favor of tolling, allowing the U.S. Constitution to work on behalf of the weak as it does the strong. Examinations of the purpose served by the statute of limitation indicates that they would not be frustrated by adoption of the tolling rule. Statute of limitations are designed to insure fairness to defendants by preventing the revival of the stale claims in which the defense is hampered by lost evidence, faded memories, and disappearing witnesses. and to avoid unfair surprise. None of these factors exist here, adoption of the tolling principle protects the Federal interest in both preserving multiple remedies for Constitutional violations and in the proper function of the limitation statute. The Federal policy in favor of continuing availability of multiple remedies for persons subject to blatant Constitutional violations is inconsistent with the Judge's decision not to suspend the operation of the statute.

Wherefore plaintiff prays the Court to grant relief and rule in favor of the U.S. Constitution and the plaintiff's constitutional rights.

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